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**ROBERT P. HILLARD**



**HILLARD, ROBERT P.** Robert was born on September 22, 1919, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In 1942, he joined the U. S. Army Air Corps and was sent to the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, California to train as an aircraft mechanic. He worked on Air Force aircraft for the next six years and on September 28, 1949, was issued his mechanic's certificate, with aircraft and engine ratings.

Robert moved to Fairbanks in 1950 and went to work for Wien Airlines. His work included inspection, repairs and recovery of damaged aircraft. Robert left Wien in 1966, after advancing to the position of Chief Inspector of Aircraft Maintenance. In 1967, he went to work in South Vietnam for the Air Division of Pacific Architecture and Engineers maintaining DeHavilland Caribou's, DHC-4's. Later in 1967, he returned to Alaska and worked for Interior Airways until 1969; Transarctic Airways until 1971 and then 2 years with Fairbanks Air Service. Robert went independent in 1973 and performed contract work on a call-out. He continued his independent work until retirement, and still resides in the Fairbanks area.